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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
EPA-R8-2014-004924,
Records related to Dewey-Burdock and
Centennial in-situ leach uranium projects

Dear Mr. Parsons:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed electronically on March 24, 2014. Your request sought all agency records related to the Dewey-Burdock (South Dakota) and/or Centennial (Colorado) in-situ leach uranium projects, limited to those materials created or obtained by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 after February 4, 2009.

In subsequent discussions with Lucita Chin from our Office of Regional Counsel, you limited the scope of your request to: the withdrawal documents at the Centennial site and documents related to the Dewey Burdock in-situ leach uranium project from September 21, 2010, until the date of your request. Enclosed you will find a CD containing copies of some of the documents responsive to your request.

We are unable to provide you with the documents, or portions of documents, which have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). For documents withheld in their entirety, an itemized list of the withheld material, along with the bases for withholding, is provided in the enclosure to this letter. Redacted portions of released documents are labeled with the reasons for withholding.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: FOIA_HQ@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and "it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this

letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions related to the Agency's response please contact Douglas Minter of my staff at (303) 312-6079.

Sincerely,



Debra H. Thomas
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance

Enclosure



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